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Fall-Winter 2007

Mysteries of the Hills The Way We Were Part 4

by Gail Chiarello

It is autumn and with the gathering in of the harvest, we also honor endings and acknowledge the spirits of darkness. October 31st, Halloween—All Hallow's Eve—is an ancient holiday, first pagan, later Christian, now secular—honoring the spirits of the dead, who return in this season of early darkness. In Spanish-speaking countries, the following day, November 1st, is "El Dia de los Muertos," the Day of the Dead, celebrated with little skeletons made of candy and papier-mâché images of skulls and goblins.

Our Hawthorne Hills is so civilized, so comfortable, so familiar and well-lit that ghosts should not feel welcome. Nonetheless it has its areas of mystery. There is the little wilderness, a dense, leafy area with sandy paths, where 53rd Ave. NE abuts the Burke-Gilman Trail. Neighbors say until 1967 there was a pony pasture at NE 60th St. and the then Burlington-Northern railway tracks, with only one train daily. Children waited for the train to flatten the pennies they had left on the tracks. From 53rd Ave. NE one sees an abandoned little house (is it a doll's house?) in the woods, and a mossy old car covered with leaves. This area is said to be what is left of the old Palmer Estate—in which woods extended from 50th Ave. NE to 43rd Ave, and from NE 65th St. down to Pullman, platted a long time ago by a Dr. Palmer. But who was Dr. Palmer? Does the spirit of the original Dr. Palmer take the mossy old car out for a ghostly drive on All Hallow's Eve? Do the ghosts of little girls still play in the doll's house?

The Holler interviewed former Presidents Pat Emerson and Barbara Sauntry to hear what they might know of our past. President Emeritus Barbara Sauntry did not recall the Palmer Estate nor did she remember a Dr.



Palmer, although her husband, Dr. Philip Sauntry, is and was a renowned internist, now retired. Barbara was President for many years. She showed The Holler the

Left: The 1991 Hawthorne Hills Community Club Directory —the last year it was published. (Courtesy of Barbara Sauntry who says she still refers to it!).



Barbara & Dr. Philip Sauntry Christmas 2002 (Photo courtesy of Barbara Sauntry)

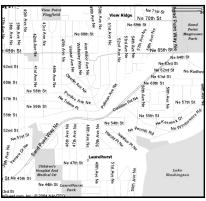
"family room" where the Trustees met in her basement, worried about the Muckleshoot Indians' plan for commercial fishing at Magnuson Park. At this time Hawthorne Hills restrictions and covenants were still in effect, later repealed because of the sixties' civil rights legislation. But The Holler was interested in a "restriction" on outdoor clotheslines! Those of us who love wind power to dry our laundry are relieved we are no longer breaking any laws.

Before Barbara, Demar Irvine, UW Music Department Chair, served as President. He was known for his scholarly work on the French composer, Jules Massenet and on Anton von Webern. He was a beloved figure who could remember his students no matter how many years had passed.

The Holler also caught up with intrepid President Emeritus Pat Emerson in the organic vegetable section of the Metropolitan Market. Pat had just returned from a trip to the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Hell's Gate National Park, during which she slept out at night on an REI air mattress (she does not recommend this!). When Pat moved into the neighborhood in 1964, Hawthorne Hills no longer had its own community council; it had been merged with View Ridge. Mayor Wes Uhlman appointed her Director of the Seattle-King County Association of Community Councils, and Pat determined to reactive the Hawthorne Hills' council, becoming its President 1970-1971.

There are mysteries in our hills and stories still waiting to be told. For instance, The Holler would love to learn more about the old Palmer Estate. It welcomes any information from long-time residents who may wish to share their memories.

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From the President's Desk of Ryan Rockwell

As I write, fall is definitely in the air. I look out my window and see leaves starting to fall. Soon kids will be knocking on our doors saying "trick-or-treat," and family and friends will be gathering to carve a turkey. As President, I am trying to think of different ways to have more community involvement, like our block parties. Did you know we had our first annual 4th of July celebration this past summer? It turned out better than anyone expected. Over 250 people participated, and it will be bigger and better next year with support from the neighbors of Hawthorne Hills. E-mail me if you would like to help out for next year's event. Thanks again to everyone who participated in the 4th of July Celebration. Hawthorne Hills also has its own Web Page (see URL on front cover). You are just a click away from information about our neighbor-hood, news and events. You can now pay dues online. Dues pay for things like this newsletter you are reading and building community awareness. Enjoy the approaching fall months, and remember to join your Hawthorne Hills Community Council. Your support makes it possible to get news and events of our neighborhood out to you.

(Ryan can be reached at ryanrockwell@cbbain.com)

SPEAK OUT!!! A Forum for Discussion of Issues of Interest Why We Need Newbies!

A volunteer organization cannot exist without ongoing new members bringing their enthusiasm, their fresh perspective, their energy to the group. Hawthorne Hills Community Council is an organization comprised of 18 volunteer Trustees drawn from various blocks within our community.

Each March new officers and trustees are elected at the Annual Meeting. At the January Trustees meeting, a Nominating Committee is appointed and charged with identifying possible new officers and Trustees for the coming year.

Would you like to serve as a Trustee of Hawthorne Hills Community Council? This is an opportunity to contribute to the health and wholeness of your neighborhood, and to get to know many of the activists and community leaders in northeast Seattle.

The Trustees meet three times per year—January, June and

What You Need To Know About Residential Sellers

We're all familiar with residential sellers—solicitors, traveling salespersons, door-to-door salespersons. Many of us feel uncomfortable opening our door to perfect strangers, whether selling scout cookies, magazines, newspapers, frozen steaks, brushes, or alarm systems. Many are legitimate. Most are not.

Some are dangerous. Seattle has its share of crime attributable to residential sellers. Recently an elderly Wedgwood resident was assaulted and home burglarized by two persons claiming to be residential sellers. Vanloads of salespersons travel the US circuit each year and I hear stories of crime attributable to these persons. When arrested, they bail out and skip town. How do you know if the solicitor at your door has a criminal history? Don't open your door to strangers. Install a "peephole" to see who is at the door. If you don't recognize the person, ask their business through the door or just don't respond. Seattle Municipal Code 6.260.050 provides that it is illegal to gain admittance to property for the purpose of selling at any residence with a sign stating "No Solicitors," "No Peddlers," etc. If you tell a solicitor to leave, and they continue trying to sell, it could constitute criminal trespass. Call 911 to report the incident. Sellers cannot sell after 9PM, may not make deceptive or untrue statements, and must possess a City-issued residential sellers license. Exceptions are newspaper (not magazine) sellers, perishable food sellers (candy), utility agents, and home sales parties. Many solicitors carry flashy cards around their necks to look official, but few are legitimate. If you make a purchase—what can you do? The law provides a 3-day cancellation period. You must cancel in writing no later than midnight of the third day after the sale. For more information, contact Revenue and Consumer Affairs department at 684-8484. (Article by Ed McKenna, Assistant Seattle City Attorney, forwarded to The Holler by HHCC's NE Precinct Liaison George Holzapfel.)

September—at Building 30 (the Administration Building) in Magnuson Park from 7:30-9PM. And of course they attend the March General Meeting held at Sand Point Community Church the third Wednesday in March. Being a Trustee need not be an overwhelming obligation and can provide an opportunity to deepen your involvement in your neighborhood as you learn about public policy issues confronting our little piece of earth and bring your own skills, knowledge and resources to bear on these issues.

If you think you might like to serve in 2008, plan to attend the January 2008 meeting, where the Nominating Committee will be appointed. Ask to serve on this Committee or express your interest in being nominated for a position as Trustee.

Then attend the March 2008 General Membership meeting—with your friends and supporters—and run for a Trustee position. Only paid members of Hawthorne Hills Community Council can vote—so be sure you and your friends have paid your 2008 dues (\$15 senior or low-income; \$25 family). —Gail Chiarello

[Do you want to Speak Out? Send your piece to the editor for possible inclusion in the Spring 2008 Hawthorne Holler]







Wildly Successful 4th of July Parade

Hawthorne Hills Kids Turn Out by the Hundreds





Parade photographs taken by Kim Wells. Thank you, Kim! Many more photos of this fabulous event are available on the HHCC website—see front page for URL





Clockwise top left: Ryan Rockwell hands out ice cream bars; kids stream to University Circle; a toddler climbs a rock donated by Pat Hester; Station 38 red fire truck is a huge draw; Anika & Anjali Karp, Tallie Voss, Josef and Tony Stöger show off their painted faces; Naomi & Avery Cole ride a festive wagon.



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What's Happening in the Hills & Holler

ROCKIN' THE BLOCK AUGUST 7th: Super-Dog Harry protects the 5800 block of Oberlin with Blair Howe, Jennifer Peterson, Alexa Andrews, "Harry," Olivia Mullin, Steve Mullin (photo by Shelley Hartnett). Holler editor Gail Chiarello shares a hug with City Councilmember Richard Conlin at the 4000-block NE 58th St. (photo by Kim Wells far right). BEVERLY

SCHAEFER NAMED NATIONAL INDEPENDENT

PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR National Community Pharmacists honored Sand Point's own Beverly Schaefer as their 2008 National Pharmacist of the Year for her work offering immunization shots for tropical diseases. Congratulations, Beverly! In addition to immunizations, Katterman's also offers flu shots this fall; walk-in is fine; no appointment needed for either, and a "flu mist" nasal spray is available for individuals 2-49 years of age.

BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS OPENING AI-

though the Oct. 7th deadline for applying for the open seat on the Parks Board has passed, at their Oct. 16th the Parks Board changed the open seat's term from 3 years to 4 years. Does this invalidate the Oct. 7th deadline? Amit Ranade, Jackie Ramels, Neal Adams, John Barber, Terry Holme and Christine Larsen will select the seventh commissioner. To learn more, go to http://www.seattle.gov/parks/parkboard/). STATE REPRESENTA-

TIVE JIM McINTIRE STEPS DOWN Jim McIntire has represented NE Seattle in Olympia for 10 years but will step down at the end of 2008 to run for State Treasurer. Jim holds a PhD in





Economics from the University of Washington where he teaches public finance. Former 46th LD Democratic Chair and Maple Leaf resident **Scott White** has announced his intention to run for the open seat. The filing deadline for candidates is June 6, 2008. **PROJECT SPLASH** Neighbors are organizing to have the City build an outdoor public pool in northeast Seattle. If interested, e-mail Christine.Larsen@comcast.net or call her at 206-412-5010. **LOST AND FOUND** Found on Ann Arbor this month—a lanyard with keys; call 524-8713 to claim.



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Jan-May 2007	0	0	1	5	12	2	48	18	2	88	
City-Wide Same Period	9	41	611	756	1,883	649	9,050	2,959	55	16,013	
% of City Total	_	_	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	3.6%	0.5%	

UNOFFICIAL RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY STATS 6/13/07--

5700 blk Princeton NE 4:17AM elderly man living alone reports strangers sitting at his kitchen table; officer arrives; house secure, no crime; officer follows up with resident's physician. 6/28/07--4500 blk NE Tulane PI 12:06PM report of forced-entry burglary day before. 8/4/07—6000 blk Wellesley NE 10:26PM resident hears noises inside house; noise is Seafair fireworks. 9/17/07--5100 blk 40th NE 9:20AM Ronald McDonald resident reports man in his 20s has climbed to 2nd floor of condo across street, forced window open & entered; officers contact suspect--he is the resident & has locked himself out. 9/19/07--4900 blk Purdue NE 8:01PM a neighbor sees a back door standing open; house empty for several months; officers check; door open but blocked by blackberry bushes; no signs of entry. 10/8/07--6200 blk Vassar NE 6:38PM report forced entry burglary sometime during the

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Question: What's UP at Children's?

Answer: A lot-240 feet to be exact.

Children's Hospital, known for state-of-the-art medical care for children in the 4-state WAMI area—Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho, proposes to increase building heights to 240 feet, add 1.5 million square feet to its physical plant, and expand its boundaries across Sand Point Way, as laid out in its new Major Institution Master Plan. Hawthorne Hills is represented on the Citizens Advisory Committee by architect Michael Omura, with alternate HHCC Trustee Shelley Hartnett. Other CAC members are Cheryl Kitchin, Delores Pritchard, Myriam Muller, Bill Nichols, Kathleen Sabo, Doug Hanafin, Catherine Hennings, Gina Trask, Karen Wolf, Wendy Paul, Yvette Moy, Robert Rosencrantz, Bob Lucas, Cathy Higgins, and alternates Theresa Doherty, Kim O Dales, and Christine Barrett.

The community is concerned about the size of the proposed expansion. Only three hospitals in Seattle—Swedish Hospital; Harborview Medical Center; and Virginia Mason Medical Center, all on Seattle's First Hill—rise to 240 feet. This height—three times higher than the highest buildings on CHRMC's current campus—may be appropriate downtown, but many feel violate the residential character of the neighborhood in which Children's is located. Increased traffic flow along Sand Point Way (with additional traffic when the Magnuson Park ballfields are completed) is another potential problem. Will Montlake gridlock back up all the

way to NE 75th Street? Laurelhurst Community Council has hired a land use consultant, Carol Eychaner, to develop reasonable alternatives. One suggestion is to retain existing building heights since Children's has not yet developed fully under its current height limit of 90 feet. Another alternative would limit the expansion to 250,000 square feet or one-sixth of the 1.5 million square feet proposed—but exploring greater square footage within the current height limits would be permitted. A third proposal would disallow expansion of Children's campus across Sand Point Way and would deny new hospital access points on residential streets. Carol Eychaner's complete analysis is available at: www.laurelhurstcc.com/issues/CHMC/CHMC.html.

HHCC, at its Sept. 19th meeting, voted to support Laurelhurst Community Council's position. The city's Dept. of Planning and Development (DPD) has issued a scoping report, as a prelude to preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Children's Master Plan documents and the City's scoping report can be viewed at: http://masterplan.seattlechildrens.org. For more information call Scott A. Ringgold DPD 206-233-3856, Desiree Leigh, CHRMC Community Relations 206-987-5269 or Hawthorne Hills representative Michael Omura 206-971-3418 (Mike's e-mail is

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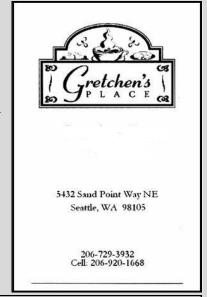
-Gail Chiarello

Greening of the Burke-Gilman Trail

The Greening of the Burke Gilman Trail at Sand Point Project needs volunteers to plant trees and shrubs along the trail behind the Center for Spiritual Living, Sat., Nov. 10 and Sat., Dec. 1. We will be planting between 10AM-2 PM (rain or shine!) on both Saturdays. Mark your calendars and come for an hour or two! The Seattle Parks Department and Cascade Land Conservancy through a joint venture called Green Seattle Partnership will bring some tools and gloves but do bring your favorite planting tools from home! The Friends of the Burke Gilman Trail at Sand Point was successful in its application for a Small and Simple Grant from the Department of Neighborhoods. We received \$11,000 which we must match dollar-for-dollar. An hour of your volunteer time at one of our planting parties will give us \$15 toward our match. If you stay for four hours, that is \$60! The grant will allow us to remove invasive and non-native plants and replace with native plants. Friends and volunteers have been busy lopping the blackberries and grubbing their roots in order to prepare the site for planting.

Hawthorne Hills neighbors and Trustees from the Hawthorne Hills Board have contributed time and money to the project. The Center for Spiritual Living has agreed to provide water for our drip irrigation system in order to water the plants during their first three years. Please e-mail USAG@drizzle.com if you can join us on

either of those two planting Saturdays. E-mail Bonnie Miller at Bmiller@serv.com for more information or for directions. Meanwhile, a group of Pullman Avenue neighbors has been meeting monthly with the Center for Spiritual Living to discuss issues of mutual interest. Anyone interested in joining the group should e-mail USAG@drizzle.com.





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Continuing Conversations with Bird Women of the Hawthorne Hills

"Bird-brained"

by Sara O'Brien

While many migrants are moving into and through the Puget Sound area to overwinter, some species are happy to stay right where they are. On a trip to Magnuson Park you'll find golden-crowned sparrows (called "Weary Willies" due to their mournful call), Gambel's whitecrowned sparrows, numerous plovers and large water fowl such as Canada geese on their way south. Take a trip to the Montlake Fill and you'll catch sight of many duck species stopping over to rest for a while. We all know that birds head south for warmer weather, milder climates and hopeful food abundance, but what about those who stay?

The black-capped chickadee (Parus atricapillus) is a loyal Seattleite. Black-caps are usually non-migratory and thus must brave the inclement weather that November-March has to offer. Cooler temperatures and lowered food abundance can be hard on this little 10-15 gram bird, but evolution has shaped these little guys to be one of nature's most crafty and industrious winter survivors. If you've noticed a chickadee busily flying back and forth to your feeder stopping to grab a seed or two and fly off, you've probably caught a glimpse of its cute, albeit huge, head! This black-capped have amazing memories and most of this

noggin houses one of nature's most extraordinary brains. Chickadees, per body weight, have a large brain compared to other animals and what's even more interesting is that their brain can expand and grow seasonally!



Drawing of a black-capped chickadee from National Audubon Society

Chickadees, like other birds, burn through calories like there's no tomorrow. Birds have very high metabolic rates and often live right on the edge of starvation and leanness. They can't afford to carry around any extra weight because it would make flight inefficient. So what are these little guys to do all winter when food supplies run low? They prepare! Those trips to your feeder are allowing these amazing birds to begin to "cache" or store seeds in various areas of their territory. Chickadees

spatial processing (Where did I put that last seed? How long has it been there? What kind was it?) takes place in an area of the brain called the hippocampus. We have a hippocampus and it is what allows us to remember how to get to the supermarket or where we left our keys. But brain tissue requires expensive upkeep so chickadees. which don't have a lot of excess energy to spend, can actually increase their hippocampal size during the fall when they need to remember where they stored their seeds. They'll use this extra brain tissue and memory circuits to find this stored food throughout the winter. Instead of carrying around fat reserves, they'll just visit a cache when they need a snack.

Now when someone calls you "birdbrained"...simply say thanks!

[Soon-to-be Dr. Sara O'Brien will receive her PhD summer 2008. She is teaching Neuroscience and the Environment at the University of Washington this fall.]

Hawthorne Hills Bird Woman, Jan Bragg, will lead a field trip at Magnuson Park Thursday Nov. 15, 2007 at 9AM. Call Seattle Audubon Society at 206-524-3460 to sign up. Seattle Audubon members may sign up for themselves and one guest. Non-members may be wait-

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Tim Gallagher

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